

5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence submission. including:
- ☐ Computer readable copy,
 - ☐ Paper copy (identical to computer copy),
 - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies.

Accompanying Application Parts:

7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet, document(s) and requisite fee).
8. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)
- ☐ Power of Attorney
9. ☐ English Translation document (if applicable)
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), including PTO-1449
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
11. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
12. ☒ Return Postcard for PTO Mail Room Date Stamp (should be specifically itemized).
13. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status (See 37 CFR 1.27.)
- ☐ A Statement Claiming Small Entity Status is enclosed.
14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed).
15. ☐ Other _____
16. ☒ **If Continuing Application**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:
- ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application Serial No. 09/456,179, filed December 7, 1999 (Examiner A. Singh; Art Unit 1771); Serial No. 09/294,957, filed April 20, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,019,512; Serial No. 08/957,304, filed October 23, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,902,047; Serial No. 08/501,900 filed August 9, 1995 (abandoned), Serial No. 08/275,281 filed July 12, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,461,427; and Serial No. 07/966,427, filed October 26, 1992, now abandoned.

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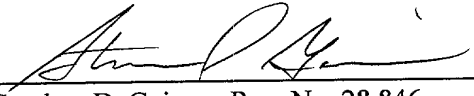
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Small Entity						Large Entity	
For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee					\$355.00		\$710.00
Total Claims	1	- 20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$	x \$18.00	\$
Indep. Claims	1	- 3 =	0	x \$40.00	\$	x \$80.00	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$135.00	\$	+ \$270.00	\$
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17. ☒ A check in the amount of \$355.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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